

## OIL MAKES FIRE SPECTACLE.

FLAMES FROM BURNING PAINT  
FACTORY LIGHT RIVER FRONT.

Engines From Manhattan and Fireboats  
With Salt Water Help Conquer Blaze  
Which Destroys Devoe & Reynolds  
Warehouses and Threatens Gas Tanks.

A big fire which consumed the paint  
factory of F. W. Devoe and C. T. Reynolds  
gave Brooklyn quite a fright last night.  
Four alarms were turned in for it, and four  
engines were sent to help from this city.  
Chief Croker hastened over the bridge in  
his automobile and took command.

The flames gained great headway owing  
to the little resistance given to them by  
water at the start. The main tank that  
the district was laid years ago and at times  
the water merely dripped from the hose  
nozzles. After Chief Croker arrived the  
water gave out entirely on three different  
occasions.

The three fireboats, with their huge  
streams of salt water, really conquered the  
flames and prevented them from spreading  
to adjoining factories. Chief Croker and  
Fire Commissioner Hayes, who also went  
to the fire, said the blaze was a fearful  
argument in favor of salt water hydrants.

The contents of the buildings, varnish,  
paint and linseed oil, made the blaze one  
of the most spectacular that has been seen  
here in years. The burning of one five  
story warehouse threw an enormous torch  
of flame high in the air above every building  
in the neighborhood. It illuminated the  
entire water front of this section of Brooklyn  
and craft on the East River could be dis-  
tinguished as if it were noonday.

The burned factory fronted on both  
Plymouth and John streets and took in  
almost the entire block between Gold street  
and Hudson avenue. On these two streets  
is a fringe of tenement houses, whose oc-  
cupants, numbering fifty families, were  
driven to the street by the police.

What gave Brooklyn such a fright was  
the fact that directly in the rear of the  
burned factory is the Brooklyn Union Gas  
Company. The sheet of flame that arose  
from the burning paint and oil circled  
around three huge tanks containing 1,000,000  
cubic feet of gas.

Every one who lived within a mile of the  
burning building knows of the presence of  
the gas tanks, and the cry: "The tanks  
are going to blow up," spread quickly and  
caused terror among the occupants of tenement  
houses in the vicinity. Excited  
Italians six blocks away packed up their  
household effects and carried them to the  
street.

The fire was discovered in a two story  
shed in the rear of the boilers of the paint  
factory about 8 o'clock by a watchman.  
He sounded an alarm, and Battalion Chief  
Duffy sent in a second alarm as soon as he  
arrived. The flames spread rapidly, and  
the firemen had no end of trouble in getting  
water forced through the hose lines. When  
the blaze spread to the big warehouse,  
in which were stored varnish, paint and  
6,000 gallons of linseed oil, Chief Duffy  
sent in a third and a fourth alarm in rapid  
succession. This brought sixteen engine  
companies. The fireboat Havemeyer soon  
appeared, and by this time Chief Croker  
had arrived. He immediately turned in  
special signals calling the fireboats New  
Yorker and David A. Boody, together with  
four engines from the lower end of Man-  
hattan. Two fireboats should have an-  
swered from the Brooklyn side, but the Seth  
Low has been in dry dock since early in  
January.

The fire, shortly after Chief Croker's  
arrival, appeared to be under control, but  
suddenly the water supply gave out. The  
flames then got a fresh start and spread to  
the entire section facing on John street.  
A high wind from the west fanned the  
blaze toward the gas tanks and the em-  
ployees started to force their contents to  
the yards a block away, where four huge  
tanks are located.

It took thirty minutes to empty the  
tanks near the fire and in the meantime  
the firemen turned a dozen lines of hose  
on them.  
The wind for a short period shifted and  
drove the flames to the rear of nine tenement  
houses that face on Hudson avenue.  
Chief Croker ordered the police to clear  
these, and they did so. The tenement  
houses on the Gold street side were also  
cleared.

By this time the fireboats got to work  
with their six-inch streams of salt water  
and with this supply the firemen raked the  
rear of the Hudson avenue tenements and  
those on Gold street. The Brooklyn Water  
Department had been in communication with  
a slight improvement in the land supply  
was noticed.

It was nearly midnight before Chief  
Croker felt satisfied that the blaze was  
under control. It had been confined entirely  
to the paint factory with the exception of the  
damage done to the Hudson avenue  
tenement houses.

One fireman was badly hurt by falling  
from a ladder on the John street side. He  
is Frank Maher of Engine Company 126.  
While climbing up the ladder he fell thirty  
feet to the street. His back was wrenched  
and he may have internal injuries. He  
was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital. Capt.  
Kirk of Engine Company 105 and six fire-  
men were dragged from a part of the factory  
facing on Plymouth street. A rear  
wall had fallen and the back draught caused  
thereby knocked them off their feet. Every  
one was scorched somewhat, but revived  
quickly on reaching the street.

Gen. Edward L. Molinoux is a member  
of the paint firm and has sole charge of  
the Brooklyn factory. He reached the fire  
early, accompanied by his son Leslie.  
The General said the plant was insured  
for \$240,000. He estimated the damage  
conservatively at \$350,000. The damage  
to the tenements was placed at \$50,000 by  
Major Thorne of the Salvage Corps. Chief  
Croker said the total damage was over  
\$400,000.

The police reserves of five precincts were  
sent to handle the crowd that rushed to  
the fire. Inspector Wiegand was in charge.  
The fire served to clear up a robbery mys-  
tery that has troubled the Fulton street  
police for some time. Mary Rolla lived in  
the tenement house at 44 Hudson street.  
She is in the Brooklyn Hospital, having  
recently undergone an operation.

Detectives Murray and Ford have been  
watching the house for her return. Mary  
was suspected by them of having robbed  
Mrs. Francis Whaley of 251 Koeuolue street  
of considerable jewelry and silverware.  
Where she had been employed as a servant.  
When Chief Croker ordered the tenements  
cleared the two sleuths rushed up and  
saw Mary's trunk to the station. They  
said late last night they had found the mis-  
sing stuff.

## MME. GADSKI'S LOST BROOCH.

Mother of Boy Who Found It Reluctant  
to Give It Up Without Reward.

Mme. Gadski of Herr Conradi's com-  
pany at the Metropolitan Opera House  
may recover this morning the \$300 diamond  
brooch she lost on Thursday  
night, and which was found by the ten-  
year-old son of Mrs. Samuel Allen of 109  
West Fifty-third street. Mrs. Allen de-  
clined to give up the jewel until it had been  
properly identified and the reward paid.

Henry Taucher, Mme. Gadski's hus-  
band, went to the West Side police court  
and got a summons from Magistrate White-  
man for Mrs. Allen. She appeared in  
court with a lawyer, who said he thought  
his client had a lien on the brooch.

"It is lost property," said the Magistrate.  
"You must return it or I will order a charge  
of larceny preferred against your client."  
Mme. Gadski will be in court this morning.  
If she can identify the brooch, she will get  
it back. Then, if the reward is not paid,  
Mrs. Allen, through her son, who found  
the brooch, will sue for the reward.

## NO BATHS FOR WILLIAMS BOYS.

Town's Water Supply is So Low That There's  
Not Enough for Tubs.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 19.—Williams  
College students have now an opportunity  
to test the theory of Dr. Robertson of  
Chicago that bathing is unhealthy. No  
water was sent out in Williamstown to-day  
that until further notice no water from the  
town supply can be used for bathing pur-  
poses.

The supply in the town reservoirs is so  
low that this stringent rule is adopted to  
save the college town from a water famine  
in winter. Several of the college students  
melted snow in washboilers this afternoon  
for bathing purposes, and sponge baths  
will be the limit until warmer weather or  
a February thaw.

## LADY LAWYER AND THE COURT.

"I'm No General Sessions Lawyer; I Know  
Some Law," Says Miss Coleman.

Recorder Goff heard argument yesterday  
between Assistant District Attorney Smyth  
and Lawyer Mary Coleman as to whether  
a man can commit perjury after taking  
an oath, if he has not been put into the  
proper frame of mind to realize the solemnity  
of the act. Mr. Smyth cited statutes, so  
did Miss Coleman.

"Proceed with the trial," said the Recorder  
after hearing both. He had suspended  
the trial on Thursday pending argument  
of this point, so this question was taken  
to mean that Mr. Smyth had won.

The Recorder had a scene with the lady  
lawyer and her father, Capt. Hugh Cole-  
man. The Recorder directed Capt. Coleman  
to withdraw from a place near the witness.  
Capt. Coleman said that he couldn't hear  
unless he stood up. Recorder Goff said  
it was too bad that the law didn't take  
cognizance of the deafness of lawyers,  
and Capt. Coleman declared that the Re-  
corder shouldn't criticize his physical  
disability.

Finally, Capt. Coleman and his daughter  
announced that they would throw up their  
case. Capt. Coleman donned his coat and fur-  
suit. Assistant District Attorney Smyth  
begged them not to cause a mistrial after three  
days work, and they decided to stay.

Another tense situation arose when Miss  
Coleman asked the Recorder to direct a  
witness to speak louder. The Recorder  
didn't, and Miss Coleman insisted until  
he did.

"I know my rights," said she after court.  
"I'm no General Sessions lawyer. I know  
some law."

## GOT HIS DIAMONDS BACK.

Quick Recovery of Rings and Pin Taken  
From Tony Pastor's Theatre.

Frank Hardman, treasurer of Tony  
Pastor's theatre, reported to the police  
on Thursday the loss of two diamond rings  
and a diamond pin, valued at \$500 each,  
which he said were taken from a cash box  
in the office of the theatre. He thought  
that Joseph Newburger of 403 East Sixteen-  
th street, formerly an usher at Pastor's,  
might know something about the diamonds.

Capt. Gallagher of the East Twenty-second  
street station found Newburger at his home.  
He said that Hardman gave him the dia-  
monds on Wednesday night to make an  
impression on his best girl, who was going  
to the theatre with him. He declared  
that George Farrelly of 231 East Twenty-  
fifth street, and Neil McCarthy of 213  
Third avenue, enticed him into an opium  
joint in Mott street and took the diamonds.

Farrelly was arrested and held in York-  
ville court for grand larceny. Later New-  
burger was taken before Hardman, who  
denied Newburger's story. Newburger and  
McCarthy were locked up. McCarthy said  
that Frank Millard of 342 East Nineteenth  
street had the diamonds.

Capt. Gallagher and Detective Sergeant  
Cray arrested Millard at Fourteenth street  
and Third avenue last night and found  
on him the two diamond rings and a paw-  
dicket for the pin, which was recovered later.

## HOOVER MUST FACE CHARGES.

THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
DECIDES TO ACT.

Committee on Grievances Called to Meet  
in Albany on Tuesday, March 1.—Erect  
Huffcut of Hines Appointed Chair-  
man and Robert O. Bascom Secretary.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—Supreme Court Justice  
Warren B. Hoover must face a tribunal of  
his peers and meet the charges preferred  
against him to the State Bar Association  
by the Bar Association of Jamestown in  
his home county of Chautauque. These  
charges are based on the Bristol report  
on the post office scandals and the facts  
alleged existed long after Justice Hoover  
ascended the Supreme Court bench.

Justice Hoover is a member of the Ap-  
pellate Division of the supreme court,  
sitting in Brooklyn, and receives a salary  
of \$17,500. He was appointed by Gov.  
Odell to the Appellate Division when no  
vacancy existed, in order that he might get  
the big salary attached to it.

Justice Hoover and Gov. Odell were mem-  
bers of Congress together and were the  
guiding spirits in the organization of the  
"Tape Worm Club," which comprised  
Representatives in Congress whose ap-  
petite for patronage and graft never could  
be satisfied. Gov. Odell so far seems to  
have escaped facing a tribunal of his peers,  
and he has tried hard to protect his friend,  
Justice Hoover, from investigation at the  
hands of the State Bar Association.

When the State Bar Association met  
on Jan. 12 and 13, Gov. Odell and Justice  
Hoover attempted to pack the meeting  
with offshooting and patronage-seeking  
attorneys, with a view of squelching the  
Hoover charges by sending them back to  
the Jamestown Bar Association without  
action, but they did not reckon on the  
presence at the meeting of William B. Horn-  
blower of New York city, who has done  
much to uphold the integrity of the bench  
and the bar in his country.

On account of Mr. Hornblower's eminent  
position at the bar, it has been suggested  
that the grievance committee of the State  
Bar Association solicit his services in its  
investigation of the Hoover charges. This  
committee has been called to meet in Albany  
on March 1 to consider these charges. The  
following notice was issued to-day by  
Secretary Frederick E. Wadhams of the  
State Bar Association:

Richard L. Hand, president of the New York  
State Bar Association, has appointed  
Ernest W. Huffcut of Ithaca, a member of  
the committee on grievances of that association  
from the Sixth Judicial district, chairman of  
the committee on grievances, and Robert  
O. Bascom of Fort Edward, a member from  
the Fourth Judicial district, secretary of the  
committee, and has requested the secretary  
of the association to call a meeting of the  
committee on grievances at Albany on Tues-  
day, March 1, at 10 o'clock.

It is expected that the communication  
received by the association from the Bar  
Association of Jamestown relative to certain  
charges against Mr. Justice Hoover will be  
brought before the committee on grievances  
at this meeting. Mr. Huffcut, who has been  
appointed chairman of the committee, has  
been active in the affairs of the New York  
State Bar Association for many years and  
prominent in those of the American Bar Asso-  
ciation, and is at present the dean of the law  
school at Cornell University.

The proceedings of the grievance com-  
mittee will not be public, as section 8 of the  
constitution of the State Bar Association  
says that they "shall be deemed confidential  
and kept secret, except so far as written or  
printed reports of the same shall be neces-  
sary and officially made to the association."

The grievance committee comprises three  
members from each of the judicial districts  
as follows:  
First District—George S. Coleman, R.  
Burnham Moffatt and Theodore M. Taft.  
Second District—John B. H. Brown, Fred-  
erick E. Crane and William J. Young.  
Third District—Jacob L. Ten Eyck, Sey-  
mour Van Santvoord and Russell M. Johnson.  
Fourth District—Frederick O. Paddock,  
John H. Burke and Robert O. Bascom.  
Fifth District—H. W. Bentley, D. A. Pierce  
and S. C. Huntington.  
Sixth District—Ernest W. Huffcut, Rollin  
W. Meeker and James Dougherty.  
Seventh District—John Desmond, H. R.  
Duffee and Selma S. Brown.  
Eighth District—Simon F. Fischmann, Clin-  
ton B. Gibbs and J. H. Metcalf.

The constitution of the State Bar Asso-  
ciation, in defining the duties of the com-  
mittee on grievances, says that whenever  
a complaint is presented to the committee,  
the chairman shall "refer the same to a  
sub-committee of not less than three mem-  
bers of the committee residing in the dis-  
trict where the person complained of re-  
sides, or an adjoining district, and the  
secretary will transmit to them the com-  
plaint and notice of such reference." It  
adds:

The sub-committee, after hearing the case,  
will transmit the findings and evidence  
and their conclusions thereon to the secre-  
tary, whose duty it shall be to submit the same  
to the committee at the next meeting thereof.  
The committee will thereupon proceed to  
consider the same, may hear the parties  
and their counsel and make their decision  
or may refer the matter for further investi-  
gation to the same or another sub-committee.  
And if, upon consideration, they find the  
complaint or any material part of it to be  
true, they will so report to the association,  
with their recommendation in the premises,  
and in their discretion, upon request of either  
party, they may also report the evidence  
or any portion thereof. The association  
will take such action on the report as they  
shall see fit. But no member shall be ex-  
pelled unless by vote of at least two-thirds  
of the members present and voting.

## LEFT ALL TO HER LAWYER.

Gen. Kneeland Sole Legatee of Miss  
Schwartz, Who Was Burned to Death.

The will of Henrietta Schwartz, who  
was found burned to death in her apart-  
ment at 8 East Forty-second street  
on Wednesday last, was filed for probate  
yesterday by her executor and lawyer, Gen.  
S. F. Kneeland. He is also her sole legatee,  
the will containing no reference to her  
mother, Mrs. Sophie Schwartz, her five  
brothers, her sister, a nephew or two nieces.  
Gen. Kneeland estimated the estate at  
\$10,000 in personal and \$3,500 in real prop-  
erty.

The will, executed on March 3, 1896, says:  
I give and bequeath all my property, real  
and personal, to Stillman Foster Kneeland,  
of 309 Broadway, in consideration for his  
kindness to me when my own relations re-  
fused to show ordinary affection and duty  
toward their own. I desire my body to be  
cremated and that a fitting monument be  
placed over my ashes in Salem Fields Cem-  
tery, connected with the Temple Emanuel, at  
a cost of \$1,000.

## JUDGMENT FOR CHIEF CROKER.

Filed Against ex-Commissioner Sturgis,  
Who Dismissed Him From Office.

Judgment for \$3,060 against ex-Fire Com-  
missioner Thomas Sturgis in favor of Fire  
Chief Edward F. Croker was filed yesterday  
with the County Clerk. Chief Croker re-  
fused to talk about it last night.

A recent decision of the Court of Appeals  
held, in effect, that an official who has been  
wrongfully dismissed from office may re-  
cover his back pay from the official who  
wrongfully dismissed him.

## MCCLELLAN TAKING A REST.

Shows His Wife Around City Hall Before  
Starting for Lakewood.

Mayor McClellan went to Lakewood  
yesterday for a short vacation. He will  
return to this city on Tuesday. Mrs.  
McClellan, who accompanied her husband,  
met the Mayor at the City Hall. It was  
the first time that she had been there,  
and before they started for the train the  
Mayor showed her through the building,  
explaining its many interesting and his-  
toric features.

## MAYOR IN THE SIGN BOARD ROW.

He's Asked the Corporation Council If He  
Has Power to Remove Them.

Mayor McClellan has taken a hand in the  
rumor stirred up by the Municipal Art  
Society on the plastering of advertising  
posters on the fence around the new library  
at Fifth avenue and Forty-second street.

"I have asked the Corporation Council,"  
said the Mayor yesterday, "to advise me  
as to the power resting either with myself  
or the Municipal Art Commission to order  
the removal of these posters. I doubt if  
the Art Commission has the right to order  
the removal of anything after it has been  
put up, however unsightly. If it had  
that power it might order the removal  
of any public building after deciding that  
it was unsightly."

Park Commissioner Pallas still believes  
that proper advertisements painted in  
light colors must be as agreeable to the  
people of the neighborhood as the dark  
green board fence during the time the  
library is in course of construction.

## 'TASANT IN I' SAYS CANFIELD.

A Voice, Said to Be His, Denies That He  
Got 'The Kid's' Roll.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 19.—Richard A.  
Canfield apparently objects to the insinua-  
tion that it was in his gambling house that  
the "half drunken kid," referred to by  
District Attorney Jerome, lost \$405,000 in  
five nights. Some one supposed to be Mr.  
Canfield called a local newspaper office by  
telephone this morning and the following  
conversation resulted:

"This is Richard A. Canfield. There was  
a story published in your paper this morn-  
ing and in the New York papers about a  
young man losing \$405,000 in a week in a  
New York gambling house. Now, I want to  
say that any reference or implied reference  
to me or to my place that may be in that  
story is absolutely without foundation,  
and I want to deny it."

"Suppose we send a man to interview  
you, Mr. Canfield?"  
"No, I don't care to be interviewed. All  
I want is that the story may be denied so  
far as it may be taken to refer to me."

"Where are you now, Mr. Canfield?"  
"I refuse to see any reporter. I don't  
care to be interviewed on the matter at all.  
I authorize you to make the denial emphatic  
and absolute. There is no truth in any  
reference to me anywhere in that story."

At that the telephone communication  
was broken.

## DISTRIBUTING ITS TYPE.

Huge Task Preliminary to the Publication  
of a New Chinese Paper.

The Chinese Reform News is the name of  
a sixteen-page weekly newspaper which  
will be published in this city by the Reform  
party of China. Prof. Tong Chew, who  
is to be the editor, was formerly professor  
in the Tai Hong Hook Yuen College in  
Yokohama.

The purpose of the paper will be to con-  
tinue the campaign for Government re-  
forms in China. It was the intention of  
Prof. Tong Chew to issue the first number  
on Monday, the Chinese New Year, but the  
printing was delayed by the slow work of  
filling the type cases. Six Chinese com-  
positors have been busy with this work for  
three weeks and there are still several  
thousand characters to be distributed.

A circular issued by the professor says:  
"We will publish from time to time edi-  
torials by our great leader, the Hon. Tong  
Yue Wai, late adviser to the Chinese Em-  
peror, and his daughter, Miss Tong, who  
is now attending school in Hartford, Conn."

"We have in the United States eighty-  
six reform associations, forty-eight in  
Canada, and forty in foreign countries.  
Our total membership is more than 2,000,000  
of the most progressive, civilized, educated  
and wealthy Chinese."

## SUES F. H. COOPER FOR \$250,000.

Inventor Says He Was Shut Out of \$1,000,000  
Company.

MINNEOLA, L. I., Feb. 19.—Frank H.  
Cooper, formerly of Siegel, Cooper Company  
of Chicago and New York, was defendant  
to-day in a suit for breach of contract  
brought by Jacob H. Roberts, as assignee  
for Charles C. Snyder and William D. Beem.  
The action is for \$250,000. The trial is be-  
fore Justice Martin J. Keogh in the Supreme  
Court.

Snyder and Beem claim they were  
practically frozen out of a \$1,000,000 cor-  
poration in which they and Mr. Cooper  
were interested. The breach of contract  
is that although it was originally agreed  
that Frank H. Cooper, Snyder and Beem  
were to be the directors, Mr. Cooper put  
in his two sons as directors after cast-  
ing a controlling interest of the stock to  
make the board of directors consist of  
five instead of three. This, the plaintiff  
claims, placed the management of the con-  
cern in the hands of the Coopers. It is  
further alleged that immediately after  
they were supplanted in control of the  
directorial things were managed that  
the concern went through bankruptcy and  
eventually landed in the sole control of the  
Coopers, Beem and Snyder being frozen out.

A Great Train to Florida.  
The Southern's Palm Limited,  
via P. R. R. and Southern Ry. The punctual  
performance of the excellent schedule and  
superior equipment for the superior patronage  
of the train is guaranteed daily. N. Y.  
Offices, 271 and 1180 Broadway.—Adv.

Delectable Palm Biscuits.  
Made of the tender meat of little pigs and choice  
spices. You have never tasted perfect sausage unless  
you have tried them. Beware of imitations.—Adv.

## SLAPPED THE CONSUL'S FACE.

WILL M. PESOLI CHALLENGE MR.  
BOYER TO A DUEL?

That's What Philadelphia Clubmen Won-  
der—How Started in a War Argument  
—Diplomat Must Have Reparation or  
He's Dead Politically, Friend Says.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—A quarrel be-  
tween Edward A. Pesoli, the French  
Consul in this city, and Henry K. Boyer,  
former Superintendent of the United States  
Mint, which took place early this morning,  
is the topic of conversation in the promi-  
nent clubs.

A dispute over the Japanese-Russian war  
caused the altercation, which ended with  
either man being hurt, although Consul  
Pesoli felt much offended. The incident  
occurred at the Art Club, on Broad street,  
of which Mr. Boyer and Consul Pesoli are  
members. Mr. Boyer, in giving his version  
of the affair, said that Mr. Pesoli and he  
were part of a group that assembled at the  
clubhouse on Thursday evening.

A discussion was begun about the Rus-  
sian-Japanese war, and an everybody in  
the party felt disposed to argue the proba-  
bility of the clash in the Far East, chairs  
were drawn close together and cigars  
lighted. The former Mint Superintendent  
took the Japanese side of the controversy  
and, in expressing his opinion of Russia,  
Mr. Boyer extended his remarks so as to  
include France as an ally of Russia. This  
at once attracted the attention of M. Pesoli,  
who remonstrated.

"I wasn't going to stop on that account,"  
said Mr. Boyer to his friends, "so I kept  
right on, and after I had given my opinion  
of the Russian fleet I added that the Russian  
Army didn't amount to much, or the French  
Army either, for that matter."

"Right there M. Pesoli stopped me and  
called me a liar. I looked him over a  
minute and took my gloves from the table  
and slapped him across the face with them.  
Then, before anything else could happen,  
the other men separated us and we both  
left the clubhouse."

To one of the leading lawyers of Phila-  
delphia Mr. Boyer added that he didn't  
know what M. Pesoli would do, but he  
feared something serious might follow the lively  
termination of the war debate.

M. Pesoli was seen in regard to the affair  
at the office of the French consulate. When  
asked in regard to Mr. Boyer's story, the  
Consul said:

"What is it you wish to ask?"  
"It is stated that Mr. Boyer struck you  
in the face with his gloves at the Art Club."  
"Well?"  
"What was going to happen?"  
"What should happen?"

"In France it is fairly certain that would  
happen, but here in America no one seems  
willing to guess," suggested the reporter.  
"You must draw your own conclusions,"  
replied the Consul. "I cannot discuss the  
private affairs of Mr. Boyer and myself."

Throughout the interview M. Pesoli's  
face was grave and his manner repressed.  
It was clearly evident that he is not dis-  
posed to take a jocular view of the situa-  
tion. One of the Consul's friends, in ex-  
pressing himself regarding the affair,  
says:

"To a man in M. Pesoli's official position  
the incident, as related to me among others  
by Mr. Boyer, is a serious affair. If, for in-  
stance, it should become known in France  
that he had accepted a blow in the face with-  
out demanding reparation, his political  
career would be quickly ended. The story  
is certain to get to France sooner or later,  
and he must be able to show that he ob-  
tained satisfaction, no matter what the con-  
ditions may have been to lessen the gravity  
of the reported offense."

"M. Pesoli is a man who has the ability  
and the opportunity to go high in official  
circles of his country, and it is the necessity  
he will be under to preserve his personal  
dignity that gives a serious tinge to what  
would otherwise be a trivial incident and  
one easily explained. I have grave doubts  
if the end of the matter has been reached."

## 3 SHOT IN POOLROOM RAID.

Gun Fight Follows Citizens' Attack on a  
Place the Police Protected.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.—Two pitched  
battles were fought this afternoon between  
a citizens' posse of Madison, Ill., and the  
police-protected patrons of the poolroom,  
during which over 100 shots were fired and  
three persons wounded, none fatally.

Constable Glais and a posse of fifty citi-  
zens undertook to serve warrants for five  
men engaged in selling pools on the races.  
As the posse approached the building in  
which the poolroom was running it was  
confronted by about 100 men, armed with  
revolvers, drawn up in battle array.

It is said that the frequenters of the  
place opened fire on the posse, who re-  
turned it. In this the opening skirmish,  
two men were wounded, one seriously.  
The posse forced its way into the house  
and were ordered to withdraw by Police-  
man McCambridge. Bookmakers and sheet  
writers, who had been busily at work,  
jumped from their chairs and lined up,  
revolvers in hand, at the railing. Shots  
were then exchanged. There was a wild  
scramble for places of exit and the posse  
was soon in possession of the room. The  
bookmakers and sheet writers were locked  
up.

There has been trouble all winter be-  
tween the citizens of Madison and the of-  
ficials under whose protection the pool-  
room was operated. Repeated attempts  
have been made to secure indictments  
by the Grand Jury, but they all failed.

## KILL THE 'NEAR SIDE' CAR RULE.

Merchants Call on the Aldermen to Remedy  
a Dangerous Nuisance.

At the next meeting of the Aldermen the  
Merchants' Association will ask for the re-  
peal of the "near side" car ordinance. The  
association will urge that the stopping of  
cars on the near side of a crossing compels  
passengers to walk through slush and mud  
and that there is danger to passengers  
alighting from cars forty feet or more  
from a crosswalk, because drivers are not  
on the lookout for pedestrians there.

John T. McCall, the Tammany leader of  
the Aldermen, said recently that the "near  
side" rule was favored by the association.  
The association sent a letter to Mr. McCall  
yesterday showing that it is not, and any-  
way experience has already shown that  
the regulation is undesirable.

Cunard Line Orders Turbine Steamer.  
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Cunard Steam-  
ship Company announces that it has con-  
tracted for a turbine vessel of 12,000 tons.  
It is believed that the steamer will be used  
in the Boston-Mediterranean service.

## DYNAMITE CAR BLOWS UP.

Wrecks a Train and Kills More Than 20  
Outrigger—Many Are Injured.